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World Summit on Sustainable Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/199 of 20 December 2000 and 56/226 of 24 December 2001,

Recalling also the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,[1] Agenda 21[2] and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3]

Having considered the report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,[4] held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26 August to 4 September 2002,

Welcoming the adoption by the Summit of the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[5] and the Plan of implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development[6] on 4 September 2002,

Expressing its satisfaction that the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory committee provided for the active participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies at the

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (A/CONF.199/20).

[5] Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[6] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

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highest level, and of observers and various intergovernmental organizations, as well as the major groups representing all the regions of the world in a bottom-up process,

Reaffirming the need to ensure a balance between economic development, social development and environmental protection as interdependent and mutually reinforcing components of sustainable development,

Reaffirming also that poverty eradication, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption, and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are overarching objectives of, and essential requirements for, sustainable development,

Noting the announcement at the Summit of various partnership initiatives voluntarily undertaken by some Governments, international organizations and major groups,

Expressing its profound gratitude to the Governments and the peoples of Indonesia and South Africa for hosting, respectively, the fourth preparatory committee meeting and the Summit, for the excellent arrangements, the hospitality extended to participants and for the facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;[4]

2. *Endorses* the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[5] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;[6]

3. *Urges* Governments and all relevant international and regional organizations, the Economic and Social Council, United Nations funds, programmes and regional commissions, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and major groups, to take urgent action to ensure the effective follow-up and implementation of the Johannesburg Declaration and the Plan of Implementation;

4. *Calls* for the implementation of the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets reached at the World Summit and, to this end, the provision of the means of implementation;

5. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to ensure that the Commission on Sustainable Development holds an organizational session early in 2003;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report containing proposals on the modalities of the future work of the Commission, taking into account the decisions contained in the Plan of Implementation;

7. *Requests also* the Secretary-General to take into full account the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, in particular the decisions taken on the institutional framework for sustainable development reflected in chapter X of the Plan of Implementation, in the ongoing process of reform of the United Nations;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth and subsequent sessions an item entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development".